

HOUSE No. 2084

By Mrs. Paulsen of Belmont, petition of Anne M. Paulsen and others for legislation to require the use of headlights on motor vehicles while windshield wipers are in use on such vehicles. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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| Anne M. Paulsen | Kay Khan |
| Robert L. Hedlund | Benjamin Swan |
| Mary Whitney | J. James Marzilli, Jr. |
| Pamela P. Resor | Patricia D. Jehlen |
| A. Richard Miller | Shirley Gomes |
| William Williamson | John W. Scibak |
| Emmett Halpin | Steven A. Tolman |
| Kevin Scott | |

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE USE OF LIGHTS ON MOTOR VEHICLES DURING ANY PERIOD IN WHICH WINDSHIELD WIPERS ARE ALSO IN USE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 85 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out
3 Section 15 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—
4 Section 15. Every vehicle, whether stationary or in motion, on
5 any public way, shall have attached to it a light or lights which
6 shall be so displayed as to be visible from the front and rear
7 during the period of a half-hour after sunset to a half-hour before
8 sunrise and at any other time when, due to insufficient light or
9 unfavorable atmospheric conditions, including, but not limited to
10 periods of snow, rain or fog, person and vehicles on the way are
11 not clearly discernible at a distance of five hundred feet ahead,

12 and in all cases when it is necessary to use a vehicle's windshield
13 wipers, shall display at least two lighted lamps on the front, pro-
14 vided, however, that one suitable lighted lamp on the front of a
15 motorcycle shall be sufficient.